



## **SABIT GROUP PROGRAM**

### **WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR WESTERN EURASIA & CAUCASUS JUNE 10 – JULY 8, 2006**

#### **SCOPE AND MISSION**

The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Water Resource Management Program will train 18 mid- to senior-level water sector executives from Western Eurasia & the Caucasus. These delegates, screened and selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce, represent industry leaders, who are seeking information on improvements in water infrastructure management, equipment, and treatment processes, among other topic areas. This program will introduce these regional leaders to industry trends and help them establish contacts with potential partners in the U.S. water management and treatment sector.

#### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The Water Resource Management program aims to accomplish a number of objectives. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of water management in the United States, including general topics such as equipment, business management, and infrastructure. This will be done primarily through meetings with leading U.S. companies, industry organizations, equipment manufacturers, and local, state and federal government representatives. By stressing these major thematic areas, not only will participants be able to implement meaningful changes in their businesses and organizations upon their return home, but they will also be better prepared to work successfully with U.S. partners.

#### **BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

This is a unique opportunity for U.S. companies to provide industry insight and training while showcasing their products and services to their Eurasian counterparts. By hosting this SABIT group, U.S. companies actively involved with water resource management and infrastructure will have the opportunity to establish or expand their operations and activities in Western Eurasia and the Caucasus. Participating U.S. host companies will find the personal contacts made by hosting the delegation will greatly improve their commercial opportunities and operations with these industry leaders.

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

This program will begin June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Washington, D.C. with an orientation, training sessions, and visits to relevant government agencies, associations, and local companies in the National Capital Area. During the remaining three weeks of the session, the group will travel to relevant regions across the country to meet with leading U.S. industry organizations and experts.

#### **HOST THIS DELEGATION**

SABIT is currently looking for U.S. hosts to provide training sessions ranging from a few hours up to a full day at their facilities. Training should emphasize some of the following topics that are of interest to the delegates, and represent some of the current challenges they face within their organizations with respect to water resource management:

- Water Source Protection
- Water Distribution Infrastructure
- Treatment Plants and Facilities
- Financing
- Operations Management
- Water System Maintenance

#### **COST OF PARTICIPATION**

SABIT will cover the vast majority of program costs for all delegates, including round-trip airfare to the United States, all U.S. domestic air travel, lodging, insurance, per diem for meals and incidentals, and interpreters to provide simultaneous interpretation of all program events. In turn, U.S. host companies and organizations are asked to provide industry expertise through training in the topics pertaining to this particular program.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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